



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Customer Number: 25944

**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
RULE 1.53(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/927,326, filed August 13, 2001, which in turn is a Continuation of Application No. 08/972,455 filed November 18, 1997.

For (Title): INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM

By (Inventors): Satoshi EJIMA and Akihiko HAMAMURA

1. ☒ A Declaration of the inventor(s) is attached. The attached Declaration is:

- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☐ b. A new Declaration. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)

2. ☐ A Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Power of Attorney is:

- ☐ a. A copy of the Power of Attorney from the parent application.
- ☐ b. A new Power of Attorney.

☐ The Power of Attorney is a General Power of Attorney.

A Transmittal of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) is attached, and

A copy of the Assignment ☐ is attached to the Transmittal or ☐ was recorded at Reel _____
Frame _____.

☐ The Power of Attorney is a Specific Power of Attorney for this application (filed with or after an Assignment if assigned). A Transmittal of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) is attached.

☒ The Power of Attorney is in a combined Declaration/Power of Attorney.

☒ a. The Power of Attorney identifies no more than ten attorneys.

☐ b. The Power of Attorney identifies more than ten attorneys, and a separate Designation of Ten Attorneys for Power of Attorney is filed herewith.



3. ☒ The fees due upon filing are calculated below:

**CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW**

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
EXAMINATION FEE		
SEARCH FEE		
TOTAL PAGES OF APPLICATION OVER 100 (____ - 100)	÷ 50	= †
TOTAL CLAIMS	38 - 20	= *18
INDEP CLAIMS	8 - 3	= *5
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

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†round up to next integer

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ 150
	\$ 100
	\$ 250
x 125 =	\$
x 25 =	\$
x 100 =	\$
+ 180 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

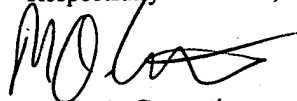
**OTHER THAN A
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RATE	FEE
	\$ 300
	\$ 200
	\$ 500
x 250 =	\$
x 50 =	\$ 900
x 200 =	\$1,000
+ 360 =	\$
TOTAL	\$2,900

4. ☒ Check No. 163586 in the amount of \$2,900.00 to cover the fees due upon filing is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
5. ☒ Application Data Sheet is attached.
6. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-13C) are attached.
☐ Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
7. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 09-159528 filed June 17, 1997 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 08/972,455 on December 22, 1997.
☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
☐ A copy of the priority document was transmitted by the International Bureau in prior Application No. _____.
8. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Nikon Corporation, Tokyo, Japan and recorded at Reel 8834, Frame 0428-429.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application and claims canceled are identified in the listing of claims.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13. ☐ Small entity status:
- ☐ a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
- ☐ b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
14. ☐ Other: _____
15. ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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In re the Application of

Satoshi EJIMA et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2615

Examiner: B. Genco

Docket No.: 032470.01

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a continuing application of the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 13, 2004, an extension of time for a period of three months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 163581 in the amount of \$1,020.00 in payment for:

_____ Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$120.00)
_____ Extension fee for response within second month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$450.00)
 X Extension fee for response within third or subsequent month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$1020.00)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario A. Costantino".

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